IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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For: PROCESS FOR SEPARATING MULTIBRANCHED PARAFFINS USING A

ZEOLITIC ADSORBENT WITH A MIXED STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the existing abstract and replace with the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3-18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

- 19. A separation process according to claim 1, wherein said zeolitic adsorbent is a
 zeolite with structure type EUO.
- 20. A separation process according to claim 1, wherein said zeolitic adsorbent is a zeolite with structure type NES.